

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

Our faith community extends a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hopes that you will return often.

Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives

The Service for the Lord's Day;
24th Sunday after Pentecost; November 15, 2020

Our vocalist today is Gerald Doyle.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Edgar and Virginia Pickrel, by Brenda & Michael Whorley and Don & Lorene Pickrel.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you are seated, the right side of the sanctuary will turn to the left side of the sanctuary and share the ancient words of the church: *"the peace of Christ be with you "*

Then the left side of the sanctuary will turn while seated and respond: *"And also with you."*

PRELUDE

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

L: Blessed are those whose strength is in the Lord.

P: Blessed are those whose hearts are set on the Lord.

L: Great and wonderful are all God's words; majestic is God's name.

P: We come in God's holy name to worship and bow down.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

O great and loving God, your wisdom is radiant and unfading, easily discerned by all who seek your way. When faithful men and women live in love and work for justice, heaven breaks into earth. Give us the grace to live confidently and expectantly, trusting that the Lord of history, comes into life continually with compassion, redemption, and hope. **Amen.**

HYMN #612

We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons our offenses.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

Merciful God of compassion and justice, take pity on us as we confess our sins. You have blessed us beyond measure and yet we are not always the stewards Christ calls us to be. We focus on self and not you or others. We make excuses for not stepping out in faith as you lead us. Help us once again to hear Christ's call to be faithful. Forgive us as we repent of our sins and turn back to you. Amen

(Please take a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.

Choral Response Hymn #624 Vs. 5

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

Meg Roach, Lector

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38-44

Nancy Dawson

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

SERMON

The Faith of Two Widows

Nancy Dawson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #647

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ the son.
And now let the weak say we am strong
Let the poor say we are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks. Give thanks.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace.

Amen.

HYMN #708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

3 The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.

4 And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

Great Is the Lord

arr. Doran

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